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In re the Application of

Masahiro MACHIDA et al.

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Examiner: P. KE

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For:

OPERATING METHOD AND DEVICE, AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS USING

THE SAME

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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